

SECTION XY.**KAMA,
OR
DE S I R E .**

ARJUNA said:

1. But dragged on by what does a man
commit sin,
reluctantly indeed, O Varshneya, as it were
by force con-
strained ?—(iii. 36.)

SHRI BHAGATAN said:

2. It is desire, it is wrath, begotten by
Rajas-energy;:
all-consuming, all-polluting, know thou this as
our foe here-
on earth.—(iii. 37.)

3. As a flame is enveloped by smoke, as a
mirror by
dust, as an embryo is wrapped by the
womb, so This
(*universe*) is enveloped by it.—(iii. 38.)

4. Enveloped is wisdom by this constant
enemy of the
wise in the form of desire, which is insatiable
as a flame.—
{iii. 39.)

5. The senses, Manas and Buddhi are said to
be its seat;.
by these enveloping wisdom, it bewilders the
dweller in
the body.—(iii. 40)

6. Therefore, O best of the Bharatas,
mastering first
the senses, do thou slay this thing of sin,
destructive of
wisdom and knowledge.—(iii, 41.)

7. It is said that the senses are great;
greater than
the senses is Manas ; greater than Manas is
Buddhi; but
-what is greater than Buddhi, is he (*Kama*).—
(iii. 42.)

8. Thus understanding him as greater
than Buddhi,
restraining the Self by the Self, slay thou,
O mighty-
armed, the enemy in the form of desire,
difficult to over-
come.—(iii, 43.)